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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of National Estimates
THROUGH : Deputy Director for Science and
Technology
SUBJECT : Memorandum to Holders of NIE 11-1-71

1. I recommend that the Memorandum to Holders of NIE 11-1-71 be cancelled at this time and that a full NIE 11-1 be scheduled for late fall or early spring.

2. It appears that the Memo to Holders is being written at this time to satisfy an informal NASA request. No formal request has been received nor do we have a firm idea of what is desired. It has proven to be very difficult to write the paper because of this. We should determine what NASA wishes. Because the Estimate is being written to satisfy the NASA request, its main thrust is the "civilian" program. This, then, provides a distorted view of the Soviet Space Program.

3. The Memorandum, while enumerating the various military programs undertaken within the past two years, does not, in my opinion, give sufficient consideration to their impact. A review of the Space Program over the last year indicates that many of the significant events are military in nature. The views of the Services have not been heard on these important programs. As of this date GMAIC has not been asked for an input.

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4. The Memorandum is being produced within a time schedule which has not allowed for a terms of reference asking for inputs nor have the various agencies been given sufficient time to provide inputs. Should the memo be dropped at this time it is highly desirable that the normal terms of reference and input procedures be followed.

5. All these questions cause me to question the value of this Memorandum at this time.

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